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SUMMARY: IN CONCERT WITH CORE GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT IN CYPRUS (UK, FRG, AND NETHERLANDS) WE MADE OUR FINAL PRE-COLOMBO DEMARCHE ON GOC JULY 28 TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERNS ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO. GOC IS SYMPATHETIC AND "WILL TRY TO BE HELPFUL" DF BOTH ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

1. PER REFTEL, WE COORDINATED OUR ACTIVITIES ON FINAL PRE-COLOMBO APPROACHES TO GOC WITH CORE GROUP CONVENER FOR CYPRUS, UK HIGH COMMISSIONER GORDON. GORDON CALLED ON FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES JULY 27 TO DISCUSS KOREA. TEXT OF HIS REPORT TO FCO IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: A. THE CORE GROUP IS REPRESENTED HERE BY THE AMERICANS, GERMANS, DULKH AND OURSELVES. WE AGREED THAT I SHOULD MAKE AN INITIAL APPROACH TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THAT THE OTHERS
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MIGHT FOLLOW THIS UP SEPARATELY AS AND WHEN OPPORTUNITY OFFERED.

B. I SAW CHRISTOPHIDES YESTERDAY AND SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED.
I SAID I HOPED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED WOULD NOT ALLOW THE NORTH
KOREANS AT COLOMBO TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE BY
REPRESENTING THEIR SIDE OF THE STORY ONLY.
C. CHRISTOPHIDES WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF THE PROPOSAL IN
DR. KISSINGER'S SPEECH OF 22 APRIL. HE TOOK CAREFUL NOTE AND
UNDERTOOK TO BEAR THIS IN MIND IF THE KOREAN QUESTION WAS
RAISED AT COLOMBO, AS HE HAD NOT DOUBT IT WOULD BE.
D. CHRISTOPHIDES LEAVES FOR COLOMBO ON 9 AUGUST. MAKARIOS
INTENDS TO JOIN HIM THERE FOR THE LATTER PART OF THE
CONFERENCE. END QUOTE.

2. CHARGE CALLED ON FONMIN DIRGEN PELAGHIAS JULY 28 TO DISCUSS
PUERTO RICO AS WELL AS KOREA. PER REFTTEL, CHARGE STRESSED
IMPORTANCE OF THESE ISSUES TO US-CYPRUS BILATERAL RELATIONS AND
INDICATED THAT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WOULD BE UNDERLINING SAME
POINTS TO AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU. PELAGHIAS SAID GOC FULLY
UNDERSTAND US CONCERNS ON THESE TWO SUBJECT, IS SYMPATHETIC
WITH US POSITIONS, AND "WILL TRY TO BE HELPFUL" AT COLOMBO AND
UNGA. GOC CONCURS THAT THERE IS NOT INDICATION OF GENUINE DESIRE
IN PUERTO RICO FOR SEPARATION FROM US. LIKEWISE, GOC THINKS
IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION TO ENVISAGE A SOLUTION TO THE KOREA
QUESTION WHICH DID NOT INVOLVE SOUTH KOREA, A COUNTRY
RECOGNIZED BY OVER 90 OTHER NATIONS. SOMEWHAT RUEFULLY,
PELAGHIAS SAID THAT DESPITE FACT THAT GOC IS WITH US ON
BOTH THESE ISSUES, WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT THAT GOC DELEGATIONS
WILL BE VOCAL IN THEIR SUPPORT OF US POSITIONS BECAUSE, AS
HE SAYS, PRIMARY GOC CONCERN WILL BE TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM SUPPORT
FOR GREEK VIEWS ON CYPRUS. THIS MAY REQUIRE SOME BARGAINING
AND MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOC TO MAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO
VOTE IN A WAY THAT WOULD BE ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO U.S.

3. PELAGHIAS' STATEMENTS ARE PAR FOR THE COURSE. GOC DOES
UNDERSTAND THAT US IS MAKING A SPECIAL EFFORT THIS YEAR ON
KOREAN AND PUERTO RICO ISSUES AND THAT CYPRUS ACTIONS IN
INTERNATIONAL FORA MAY HAVE AN EFFECT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS
WITH US. BUT WE FEAR THAT THE OPTIMUM WE CAN HOPE FOR IS
FOR CYPRUS NOT TO VOTE AGAINST US ON THESE QUESTIONS IN VIEW
OF GOC'S NEED FOR WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FROM ALL SIDES ON THE
CYPRUS ISSUE.
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